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U.S. Patent 5,527,293 (Zamierwoski), dated June 18, 1996;

U.S. Patent 4,335,488 (Becker), dated June 22, 1982 corresponding to European Patent Application 0 046 560 A1, dated March 3, 1982;

German Patent Specification DE 1 093 949 (Maier), "Belüfteter Strahlenschutzhandschuh [Ventilated Radiation Protection Glove]", dated December 1, 1960;

U.K. Patent Application GB 2 220 357 A (Wood), dated January 10, 1990;

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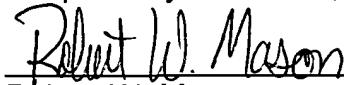
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